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Applicant (s) : Robert E. Hefner JR.
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MESOGENIC PORAGEN FORMING MOIETIES AND
POLYARYLENE COMPOSITIONS THEREFROM

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

The Official Action dated March 27, 2008, set forth an election of species requirement. Specifically, the Examiner requested that L and Z be identified. Applicants hereby elect the species as set forth on page 43 of the application. Thus, L is -C=O, there are two cyclopentadienone ring groups, Z in two occurrences on each cyclopentadienone ring group is phenyl-acetylene-phenyl-, Z in one occurrence on each cyclopentadienone ring group is -phenyl-(CH₂)₂-(C=O)-M, and Z in one occurrence is a diphenylene ether linking the two cyclopentadienone groups.

Claims 1-4 encompass this species and claims 5 and 6 encompass polymer and porous matrix, respectively, formed from such a monomer.

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